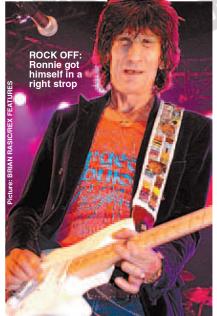
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STONES LEGEND GOES LOOPY



school rock 'n' roll antics by throwing an almighty strop on stage.

The Rolling Stones axeman threw his guitar away in disgust and proceeded to play the entire set all over again after problems with his weapon.

again after problems with his weapon.

Performing with The Charlatans as part of the O2
Heroes To Heroes gigs at London's Shepherds Bush Empire,
Ronnie, 57, hit the roof when his guitar started cutting out.
After battling through a number of tracks, he stropped off
stage before returning minutes later to tell his audience: "As
it's being f**ing filmed
we're going to have to start
the whole thing again.
"You all don't mind staying
for a bit longer do you?"

USHER is the man of

Pals

Advising fans to flout the strict 11pm curfew, Ronnie added: "We can play all day so we can play all night."
Second time around, there were no such problems as he and the band charged through How High, Love Is The Key, Spronston Green and Stay With Me.
But he had one more anxious moment, fearing pal Kate Moss, 30, might have already left the venue and asked: "Are you still in here?"
Surrounded by pals Tracey Emin, 41, Stella McCartney, 32, Pete Doherty, 25, and Sadie Frost, 37, model babe Kate waved back from the balcony.

USHER is the man of

USHER is the man of the moment after scooping 11 gongs at the US Billboard Music Awards.
In typically modest form, Usher, 26, said: "We don't put out an album without a No1 record."

Alicia Keys, 23, bagged seven gongs. Outkast were named Outkast were named Duo/Group of the Year at the ceremony in the MGM Grand, Las Vegas, on Wednesday. Stevie Wonder, 54, received a lifetime-achievement award.



Kyl's got it off her chest...

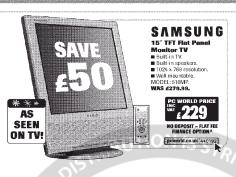
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ROCKER Ozzy Osbourne was in shock last night after one of his best pals was shot dead on stage.

■ by IAN MARKHAM-SMITH

began their first song at the Alrosa Villa nightclub in Columbus, Ohio. Gale, from nearby Marysville, killed "Dimebag" Darrell Abbott, then a bouncer, a fan and another man, also thought to be in the band. A policeman then shot

him dead. Abbott's brother Vinnie Paul is the band's drummer. The rockers were handpicked by Ozzy to star at his Oz-fest concerts.

Grudge

Godfather of metal Ozzy was also among the personal guests when they recorded their debut album. A pal of Ozzy's said: "He is very upset. We all are." Witness Chris Couch claimed the killing had all the hallmarks of a grudge attack. He said Gale, who

wore a hooded sweatshirt, walked up to the stage followed by a bouncer and another club employee. Couch, 22, revealed: "He climbed on stage, started yelling and shot the guitarist five or six times then a bouncer. It was definitely a grudge." Amanda Stankus, 19, added: "I initially thought the shooting was part of the show. I just saw the guitarist fall down."



DEEP SHOCK: Ozzy



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DEADLY ATTACK: Dimebag Darrell Abbott and Vinnie Paul (inset)

Bridge of sig

MOTORISTS caught in Britain's worst traffic jam have lost almost two weeks of their lives.

Experts reckon drivers using the M6 every day around the Thelwall Viaduct in Cheshire lost twelve-and-a-half days stuck in queues over the past two years.

But the good news is the \$52million repair work is over on the uighter which except the Manchester Shin Good.

on the viaduct, which crosses the Manchester Ship Canal, and it should re-open next week.







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■ by MARIANNA PARTASIDES

LONELY Lottery winner who failed to find love jumped 240ft to his death from a giant crane.

Alan Garner, 36, spent years looking for the woman of his dreams after striking it lucky. But he failed to find anyone to share in his £500,000 jackpot.

share in his £500,000 jackpot.
The father-of-one was finally driven to suicide and plunged to his death with £3,600 in cash stuffed into his pocket, an inquest heard.

Mr Garner – an Oxford University scientist – was desperate to meet someone after his windfall five years ago.
But he failed to find happiness and he began to battle with suicidal thoughts.

Twist

The troubled chemist from Coventry died last November. In a bizarre twist he changed his name to Steven Mitchell and

nis name to Steven Mitcheil and picked Manchester as the city for his suicide – more than 100 miles away from his home. He died from massive injuries after throwing himself off the crane in front of shocked workmen workmen.

workmen.
The Manchester inquest heard he had phoned his mother Mavis a month before his death and begged to move in with her.
But in the past he had struggled with aggressive mood swings and bouts of violence.
And his fragile mother refused to let him return because she was afraid the cycle of abuse she had suffered would start again.

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She said: "When he was calm, Alan was the kindest, most considerate person.
"But he could be violent at the drop of a hat and living with him were like audicined by the could be a living with him were like audicined by the constaller."

was like walking on eggshells." Verdict: Suicide.

Riot fear as sir is sacked

A HEAD shut down a school yesterday fearing pupils would riot over the sacking of a popular teacher.

teacher.

He sent children home for the rest of the week to cool off after veteran modern languages teacher Richard Anderson, 57, was fired by school governors for throwing a

school governors for innowing a bag at a misbehaving pupil.

Mr Anderson had been at Boston Grammar School, Lincs for 33 years and set up a dance troupe which appeared on BBCI's Blue Peter.

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Hundreds of pupils planned a protest demo – so the school shut. Head John Neal said: "I have taken this decision to ensure the health and safety of the pupils and staff."

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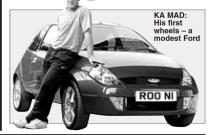
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head with a paperback note-book by one of the staff."

A DAY nursery has been forced to close after claims that a toddler was hit over the head with a book. Police were called to the Happy Days centre for two-to five-year-olds after reports that one youngster was mistreated and another was shouted at by staff. The Brighton nursery's registration was immediately suspended while an investigation is carried out, leaving dozens of children without day care in the run-up to Christmas. East Sussex County Council has already carried out its own investigation into the centre, but would not disclose its findings. Det Insp Martin Sapwell of Sussex Police said yesterday. "An allegation has been made concerning Happy Days and a joint investigation undertaken. Regist-ration of the nursery has been suspended."

A CABINET made in Florence in 1726 sold at Christie's for more than 219 million yesterday. The price for the Badminton Cabinet – dubbed "the marvel of Europe" – beat its own world record for a non-pictorial piece of art, after fetching a whopping £8.58m in 1990. A CABINET made in Florence in 1726 sold at Christie's for more than £19million yesterday. The price for the Badminton Cabinet – dubbed "the marvel of Europe" – beat its own world record for a non-pictorial piece of art, after fetching a whopping £8.58m in 1990.





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for 14 YEARS!

He was just 27 when he saved up £14,000, quit his job as a mechanical engineer in Sheffield and engineer in Sheffield and set off around the world.

Since then Richard – now 41 – has pedalled 35,322 miles aeross six continents and stopped off to get married in New Zealand.

But he hit a patch of oil in Venezuela, broke his left leg in the fall and was flown home by air ambulance with his bike.

Athlon

Ace blows

■ by MARIANNA PARTASIDES CAR nut Wayne Roo-ney has splashed out on his sixth flashy motor in six months.

It's a £25,000 Chrysler 300c V8 – just like his Manchester United team-mate Ferdinand's.

Rooney, 19, has spent almost a quarter of a million pounds on cars since July. The new ride makes him one of

a tiny group of people to drive the 5.7 litre beast in Britain because they are not officially on sale here until next year.

Nippy

And it's a world away from his first car – a 1.6 litre 108mph Ford SportKa.

Wayne, on £50,000 a week, bought his first posh motor in July – a Cadillac Escalade 4x4.

Weeks later he bought a BMW X5 4x4 and a nippy Audi TT for fiancée Coleen McLoughlin, 18.

The full list is: 2003: Ford SportKa, £16,000, August 13; 2004: Cadillac Escalade, £40,000, July 26; Audi TT Roadster, £35,000, August 30; Mercedes Benz SLK 200 convertible, £40,000, October 29; vertible, £40,000, October 29; BMW M3 convertible, £50,000, November 30; Chrysler 300c, £25,000, December 9.



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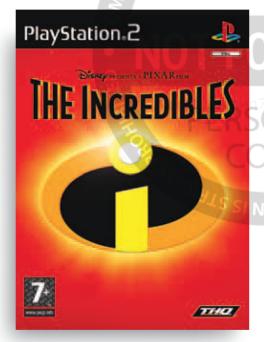
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I'm bushtuckered out

I FOLKS! I'm a celebrity and I'm glad it's over. But I must say I was really rooting for Joe Pasquale as King Of The Jungle. He is such a top bloke and a totally surreal, chilled-out man (like David Brent, but an octave higher).

I know that the show's producers were totally gutted that Janet Street-Porter got voted out, because they really wanted a lady in the final. Let's face it, three guys sitting around a fire in the Aussie jungle talking about mozzies isn't exactly must-see telly. I think ITV was really milking the format getting a second series on air during the same year.

Most people think the last one was in 2003, but it was actually just earlier

The final when Kerry Katona won

The final when Kerry Katona won was watched by 14 million viewers, while just eight million saw Joe's triumph.

I also noticed there was no mention of the charities that were benefiting from all that bushtuckering.

I know each celeb has one they nominated at the start of the show, but I never heard them named as the feeding frenzy of bug-eating and ratdodging continued.

All that aside, I think the show was great viewing and a big improve-

ment on any Big Brother or "fame factory" I've seen lately. Paul Burrell got better and better

Paul Burrell got better and better as the series progressed, but I am still very worried why a father and husband had such a full working knowledge of all those show tunes. I hear that a "Paul Burrell And Michael Ball Sing The Shows" album could be in the wings. Heaven forbid – he made Peter Andre seem edgev

edgy.
Congratulations to the cast and crew of I'm A Celebrity, but I don't think two in one year is a great idea – unless you want to kill the goose that laid the golden format.

madness

sucking up to one of the biggest movie producers in Hollywood at the pre-miere of Nicolas Cage movie National Treasure in Leicester Square.

Jerry Bruckheimer is mega in Tinseltown as the man responsible for movies such as Pirates Of The Caribbean, Black Hawk Down and loads more.

Harriet and I had to introduce Jerry, Nicolas, the fabulous Sean Bean (who plays a great baddie) and the beautiful Diane Kruger to

and the beautiful Diane Kruger to the guests. I also had to intro the movie's director, John Turtletaub. So what did I do? I went out for very long lunch and got slightly mullered on fine Italian red wine.

Don't get me wrong, I was very professional. Except I was a little bit overexcited about meeting Nicolas and his lovely new bride, plus Sean (I loved Lord Of The Rings and Sharp). In front of about 2,000 VIP guests

In front of about 2,000 VIP guests and all the bosses of Disney, I introduced Jerry and the director as two guys I'd slept with and who were both great in the sack. You should have seen Harriet's face – and Sean almost we himself as he saw my career self- destruct. Nicola we in ext

destruct.
Actually, I was amazed how well Jerry took it.
And John then replied that I was terrible in the sack (I can't comment on that, I'm afraid).
Most of my US friends

don't do irony very well when it comes to Jono



ONE TO TREASURE: Jono and Harriet, right, greet stars Nicolas and Diane at the premiere

Jokes, but I seemed to get away with it this time.
Jerry even bought me a drink after the movie.
Nicolas was great when we interviewed him the next day on the radio, until he brought my little joke un live on the air (I joke up live on the air (I denied everything, of course, in the great tabloid tradition).

I'm sure the movie will do very well when it gets released on Boxing Day. It's fantastic fun and very exciting, with some great

exciting, with some great performances.

It's a kind of Indiana Jones In The Big City meets the local Masonic lodge leader over a secret treasure map.

Check it out. And by the way watch out for Harriet and me in the next big Bruckheimer blockbuster flick.

We'll be there...just after the lights come on at

We'll be there...just after the lights come on at the end, sweeping up the empty popcorn boxes.

KYLIE dropped in for a chat the other morning and I asked her what she wanted for Christmas.
She said she didn't really have anything on her list, but I think she would love a nice taxes more than the said of t

but I think she would love a nice engagement or wedding ring from a certain French actor (no, not Gerard Depardieu - the other younger bloke). She looked delicious and seid she was really looking.

said she was really looking

forward to next year's UK tour. But first it's off to Oz for Christmas with Dannii and the rest of the family. Hope Olivier makes a flying visit, too. Could be a great excuse for a sunny wedding in paradise. I'll let you know what happens. I'm off to find Skippy and see if he's still got his Jacob's crackers, if you know what I mean...right, Mr Burrell?

Simon Cowell will get him signed up. And if all that falls, he can always join a U2 tribute band.

Tabby is a natural. And that's why shows like The X Factor annoy me so much. Children like my seven-year-old daughter and 11-year-old son vote for pop star types and Tabby doesn't really fit that mould. Which means performers like him or anyone who is quite hard to pigeonhole are screwed.

The main people who vote on all these TV music shows or Record of The Year polls are kids who go for Busted or McFly, or some computer-made girlband with curves in all the right places.

I couldn't believe it when ITV had three interactive phone voting shows following each other last Saturday night. First it was Record Of The Year with the lovely Cat Deeley, followed by The X Factor with Kate Thornton. To end the night's voting we then had I'm A Celebrity.

I then watched the interactive ITN News, where you could vote for the lead news story followed by a phone vote for tomorrow's weather.

And what about a phone vote for latenight TV? Should we execute or release the prisoner? Should Abi Titmuss remove all her clothes?

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Phil saves kids drean



SOFTY: McFadden

EASTENDERS tough guy Steve McFadden has revealed his soft side. Steve, who played hardman Phil Mitchell in the soap, has kick-started a £25,000 campaign to save a youth football club after arsonists destroyed all its equipment. Steve, who lives in Cornwall, donated £1,000 to Nanstallon United following the blaze at their ground near Bodmin. He has also promised a celebrity football match early in the New Year to raise more money. Under-11s team boss Keith Simmons, said yesterday: "Steve's been deeply involved in youth football with his own kids."



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revealed she longs to strip off and go
skinny-dipping.
Sophie, from the seaside town of
Southport, said: "I'd do it if the
opportunity arose – it's a bit cold where
I come from, though."

Curvy Sophie reckons her
magnificent 32FF boobs are her
best feature.
She even wants to get her prized
assets insured after a clumsy fan

■ by IAIN BURCHELL

burned them with his fag. Luckily the Page 3 babe wasn't scarred and laughed off his cheeky offer of first aid.

She told Nuts magazine: "He was very apologetic, though, and offered to rub it better. No permanent

scar."
And Sophie knows exactly what she wants to find in her stocking this Christmas – a fella.

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■ by PAUL MALLEY **HAROLD Shipman-style** killer doctor could strike again in Britain.

Almost five years after the conviction of the man nicknamed Dr Death, patients are still being put at risk because GPs are too busy "looking after their own".

The damning statement was announced yesterday by Dame Janet Smith, the High Court judge in charge of the Shipman inquiry.

Blow

She attacked the General Medical Council saying she wasn't convinced it could protect patients from dysfunctional doctors. And in a blow to the future of the GP regu-



the GP regu-latory body, she said she was not cer-tain it could change.

Dame Janet recommend-ed more than 100 improvements. also called for

also came for a telephone hot-line where whistleblowers could tip off authorities about dodgy GPs.

Barry Swann whose 79-year-old mother Bessie died at the hands of Shipman called for an overhaul of the model went the model of the model o

Shipman called for an overhaul of the medical monitoring system. Swann, 54, said: "The GMC must get its house in order." Shipman, 57, who practised in Hyde, Gtr Manchester, is thought to have murdered at least 215 patients by morphine injections.

The GP was allowed to carry on practising by the GMC despite being convicted of drug offences. He was found hanged in his cell in Wakefield Prison in January. Wakefield Prison in January

HOSPITAL blunders affect almost one in 10 NHS patients, a scathing report revealed yesterday. Figures show that \$50,000 people admitted to hospital last year were given botched treatment.

And the potentially life-threatening blunders by doctors and nurses cost a shocking \$25illion.

Harm

National Patient Safety Agency says mis-takes included wrong treatment or even having the wrong organ removed. Some blunders "resulted in serious, lasting harm,

in serious, lasting harm, such as chronic pain, undiagnosed cancers, blindness and even death". Their report has called for tougher checks to ensure patient safety. It said barcodes, biometric ID strips or special radio "tags" should be used to cut errors.



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THESE are the dramatic moments when EastEnders'

sexpot Zoe Slater's world crumbles around her.

The curvy brunette (Michelle Ryan, 20) is devastated when her boyfriend reveals he's in love with some-

one else. Zoe is mortified to discover Albert Square hardman Dennis Rickman (Nigel Harman, 31) has fallen for his "sister" Sharon Watts (Letitia Dean, 37).

Pregnant

But things come to a head in explosive scenes to be screened on Christmas Day.

Den and Sharon's decision to come clean backfires—and sparks a blazing row in the Vic. As they explain they want to leave Walford, Zoe announces she's pregnant with Dennis' baby. Stunned Sharon is devastated—and she decides to flee abroad.



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Ender the line, Gary



EastEnder Gary Beadle rapped the BBC soap last night – in an amazing farewell blast.

The tough-guy soap star's Jack-the-lad charac-ter Paul Trueman is soon to

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Hunter's drug-dealing henchman. Gary, who has spent three-and-a-half years in Walford, said: "I hate the current storyline. It's so stereotyped – black people and drugs, blah, blah, blah. "Once they started changing my character so dramatically, I knew I'd made the right decision to go."

Lip service

US SOAP The OC is to be rocked OS SOAP THE OC IS TO BE TOCKED by a steamy lesbian love scene. Marissa Cooper, played by London-born actress Mischa Barton, 18, kisses another teenage girl in scenes to be shown on Channel 4 next year.

A TV insider said: "Marissa will into the best sectors of the said of the said

just be experimenting.

Jason stunned by lover's bombshell

CORONATION Street is set to tackle Aids when Rovers barmaid Violet Wilson reveals she is HIV positive.

She'll confess her shocking secret to boyfriend Jason Grimshaw in an emotional episode to be screened in the New Year.

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Soap bosses predict the delicately-handled scenes will
be well-received by fans.
Viewers will at first see Jason (Ryan Thomas, 20) react
badly to the bombshell news about the girl he has fallen

bady to the bombshell news about the girl he has failen in love with. But gradually Jason, who failed to accept his brother Todd's homosexuality, will be won round by Violet's pleas for him not to turn his back on her. Violet (Jenny Platt, 24) and builder Jason are already dating.

Jason are already dating.
But the gorgeous pintpuller is so far resisting
her boyfriend's desperate
bids to get her between
the sheets.

Floored

Violet will finally run out of excuses and after a night out reveals the bombshell reason why she has been playing hard

A Weatherfield mole revealed: "Jason will feel absolutely floored when Violet tells him the news.

"He's fallen in love with her and thinks this is the end of their relationship. "He reacts badly at first but only out of ignorance stupidity. Violet

explains that he's not at risk if they take the right precautions.

precautions.

"She also points out that people live for decades with HIV before it turns into Aids, so it need not be the end of the relationship.

"Slowly Jason accepts Violet's illness and the couple become stronger."

Rival soap EastEnders had a long-running Aids plot involving stall

plot involving stall holder Mark Fowler (Todd

Carty, 39).

Meanwhile, Sally
Webster is heading for a
naughty New Year
courtesy of new boss Ian
Davenport. The handsome



IN LOVE: Violet and Jason become stronger

garage-owning tycoon garage-owning tycoon (Philip Bretherton) will begin to put the moves on Sally when she becomes his new office manager

Chasing

Sally will initially ward off his advances despite his declarations of love and devotion.

But when millionaire Ian accepts that she is not

going to slip between the going to slip between the sheets with him, Sal (Sally Whittaker, 41) is disappointed. Then the tables are turned when she does the

chasing.

A Corrie insider said last night: "Sally is not happy with her husband Kevin. In fact, their Kevin. In fact, their re-marriage has been a total failure.

Charity's wedding

to superbitch sadie king.
Plotting by scheming Sadie (Patsy
Kensit, 36) leads to disaster when
wrinkly OAP businessman Tom King
rejects his bride Charity Tate (both pictured right) at the altar.
He'll refuse to repeat his vows after
seeing compromising pictures of
Charity (Emma Atkins, 29) apparently

give a false picture.

But that doesn't matter to tycoon
Tom who lashes out at Charity by
refusing to marry her.
A series insider said: "It's an absolute
wedding from hell, which will start
Emmerdale's New Year with a huge





Nic'd just like dad!

SOAP babe Nicola Stapleton is following in her dad's footsteps – by joining Bad Girls. She's landed a role in the hit ITV1 show as jailbird Janine Williams, who's been banged up for credit card fraud.

And if the ex-EastEnder needs any tips on prison life – she just has to ask her "career criminal" dad Vincent. dad Vincent.

dad Vincent.

He was jailed for five years in March 2001 for masterminding an £11million VAT swindle. It brought in so much money that multi-millionaire Stapleton boasted it was like "backing the 3.30pm race at 4pm".

Nicola, 30, who played wild child Mandy Slater in the BBC1 soap, stood bail of £125,000 for her 54-year-old dad who was released last year. released last year.

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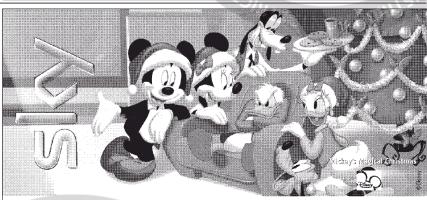
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